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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James W. BARNWELL) Confirmation No. 9025
Application No. 10/697,868) Group Art Unit: 1724
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For: COALESCING TYPE FILTER APPARATUS AND METHOD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2006, to which a response is due with a one month extension by December 15, 2006, please amend and reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows. Entry of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested because they are believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and do not raise any new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

Please reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page $\underline{2}$ of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.